

shewing his regard to the Doc^r for his long and faithful Services. You will therefore please to Issue the proper Grant upon the usual Terms.

The Justices having Certified the truth of the Facts in the Petition Praying relief upon the forfeited Recognizances His Lordship leaves it to your Excellency to reduce the forfeiture as much as you please.

It is with peculiar satisfaction his Lordship finds a Board of Officers has been Constituted according to his Instructions and that they have already met and intend to continue their Meetings for the better Management of his Revenues as he Expects the most salutary Effects from their Advice and Assistance and the New Agent is, by his Commission, particularly Enjoyed to Govern himself by their Regulations.

I am with all Due regard and Esteem

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[July 18, 1768]

Yo^r Excellencys

Most Obed^t & Faithful Hble Serv^t

Hugh Hamersley.

[Hamersley to Sharpe.]

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D^r S^r

It is with equal reluctance Lord Baltimore dictates, and my Pen transmits his present Commands. His early Connection with your Excellency from his first stepping into Manhood, The Attention and regard you have constantly paid him, your unwearied Zeal to Promote the Welfare of his Province, the Uninterrupted harmony which has ever Subsisted not only between you and him, but between you and every Branch of his Government and even every Individual in that Government, and the very acceptable light in which your Services have been constantly rec^d by your King and Country here, all Concurr to make his Lordship wish that Connection might have been Co-Extensive with your Lives, unless your own better fortune had first Inclined you to Dissolve the Union. But your Excellency is no Stranger to the Alliance some time since made by His Lordships Sister with M^r Eden a Lieu^t in the Coldstream Regiment of Guards and a younger Brother of S^r John Eden an Antient Barr^t in the County of Durham. A Similitude of Pursuits Joined to his Lordships Partiality for his Sister naturally Led him to Entertain hopes of one Day succeeding your Excellency; hitherto his Lordship has resisted every temptation, Except that Superior one which has so Attached him to you, But the workings of Nature, the Merit of his Brother in Law, to himself particularly, and the Sollici-